

HOUSE BILL 2991

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,
Chapter 6 and Title 37, relative to child custody.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-101(a)(2)(A), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(v) A parent who has been convicted of a violent crime and has been classified by a mental health professional as violent or dangerous due to a mental health disorder shall not be awarded custody or visitation. This subdivision (a)(2)(A)(v) shall apply only to persons who are convicted on or after the effective date of this act.

(vi) As used in this section, "violent crime" has the meaning given in § 40-38-111.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.